

BOOK CLUB NIGHT KIT



The Guest List

Lucy Foley

COZY NIGHT

A wedding on a windswept Irish island turns stormy in every sense, told through shifting voices that keep you guessing. It's a propulsive, atmospheric mystery perfect for a snug night in.

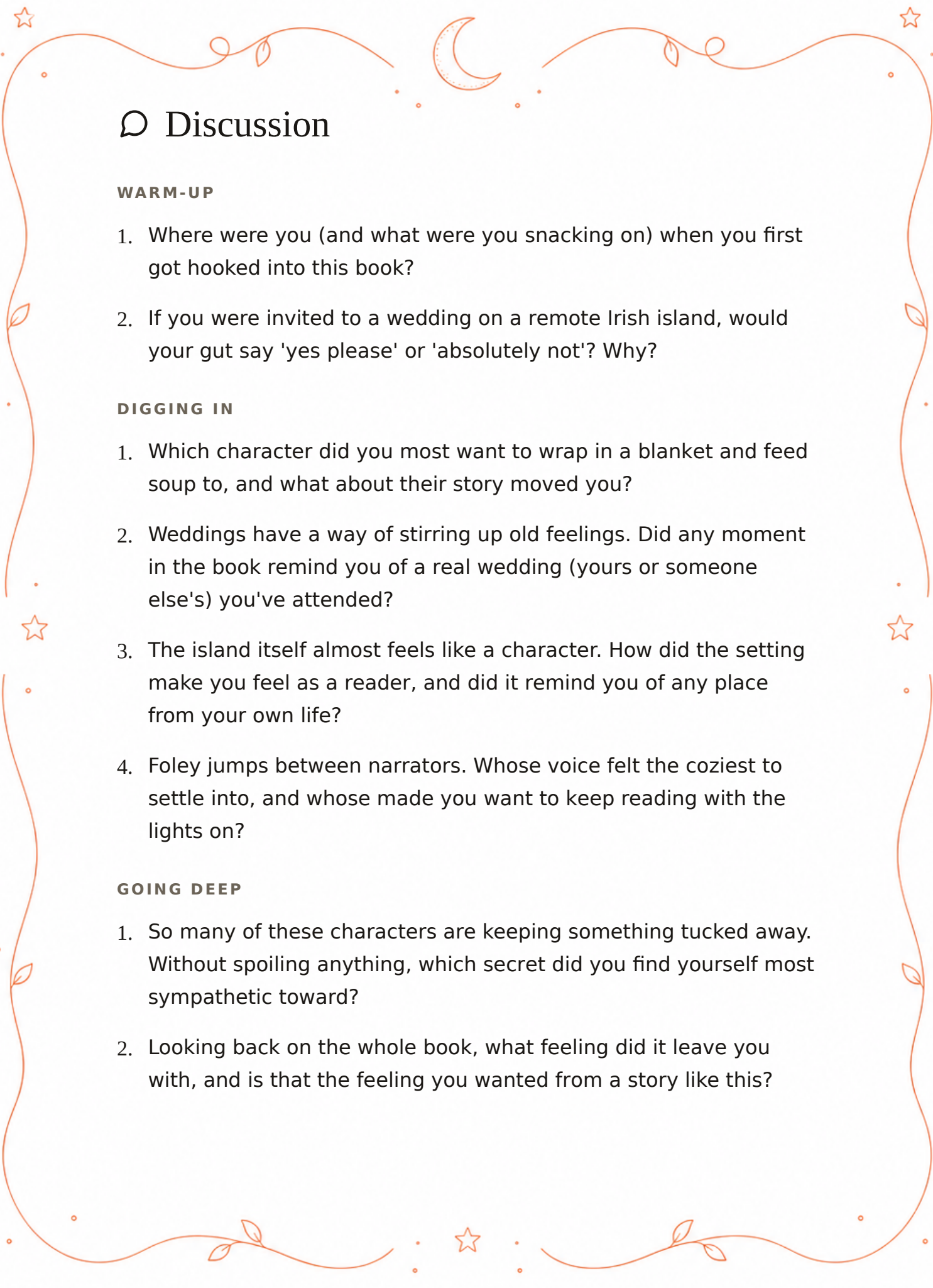
A Cozy Night on the Island

Pull on your softest socks and join us for warm drinks, comfort food, and a gentle gossip about Lucy Foley's *The Guest List*. No analysis required, just feelings and seconds of dessert.

Reading level: Easy

Best for: groups who love a juicy, escapist mystery and a good gossip





🗨 Discussion

WARM-UP

1. Where were you (and what were you snacking on) when you first got hooked into this book?
2. If you were invited to a wedding on a remote Irish island, would your gut say 'yes please' or 'absolutely not'? Why?

DIGGING IN

1. Which character did you most want to wrap in a blanket and feed soup to, and what about their story moved you?
2. Weddings have a way of stirring up old feelings. Did any moment in the book remind you of a real wedding (yours or someone else's) you've attended?
3. The island itself almost feels like a character. How did the setting make you feel as a reader, and did it remind you of any place from your own life?
4. Foley jumps between narrators. Whose voice felt the coziest to settle into, and whose made you want to keep reading with the lights on?

GOING DEEP

1. So many of these characters are keeping something tucked away. Without spoiling anything, which secret did you find yourself most sympathetic toward?
2. Looking back on the whole book, what feeling did it leave you with, and is that the feeling you wanted from a story like this?

On the table & to sip

TO EAT

Mini beef and Guinness hand pies

A nod to the Irish setting, warm and easy to nibble on the couch

Cheddar and chive soda bread with salted butter

Homey, rustic, and very 'windy island kitchen'

Sticky toffee pudding cups

A classic British Isles comfort dessert, indulgent in a cozy single-serve size

TO SIP

Irish coffee

Whiskey, coffee, brown sugar, soft cream on top, the ultimate cozy nightcap

Mulled cider with apple and clove

Warm, fragrant, and feels like coming in from the wind

Honey vanilla steamer (warm milk with honey and vanilla) (no alcohol)

A soothing non-alcoholic option that pairs with the dessert

Run of show

7:00

Soft arrivals

Greet guests with a warm drink in hand and the playlist already going. Blankets out, lamps on.

7:15

Settle and snack

Hand pies and soda bread on the coffee table. Let people graze while you do warmups.

7:30

Warmup questions

Keep it light and personal. No pressure to have 'right' answers.

7:50

Into the book

Move through the theme questions. Pour refills between answers.

8:20

Dessert and deeper chat

Bring out sticky toffee puddings and tackle the deep questions while the room is at its coziest.

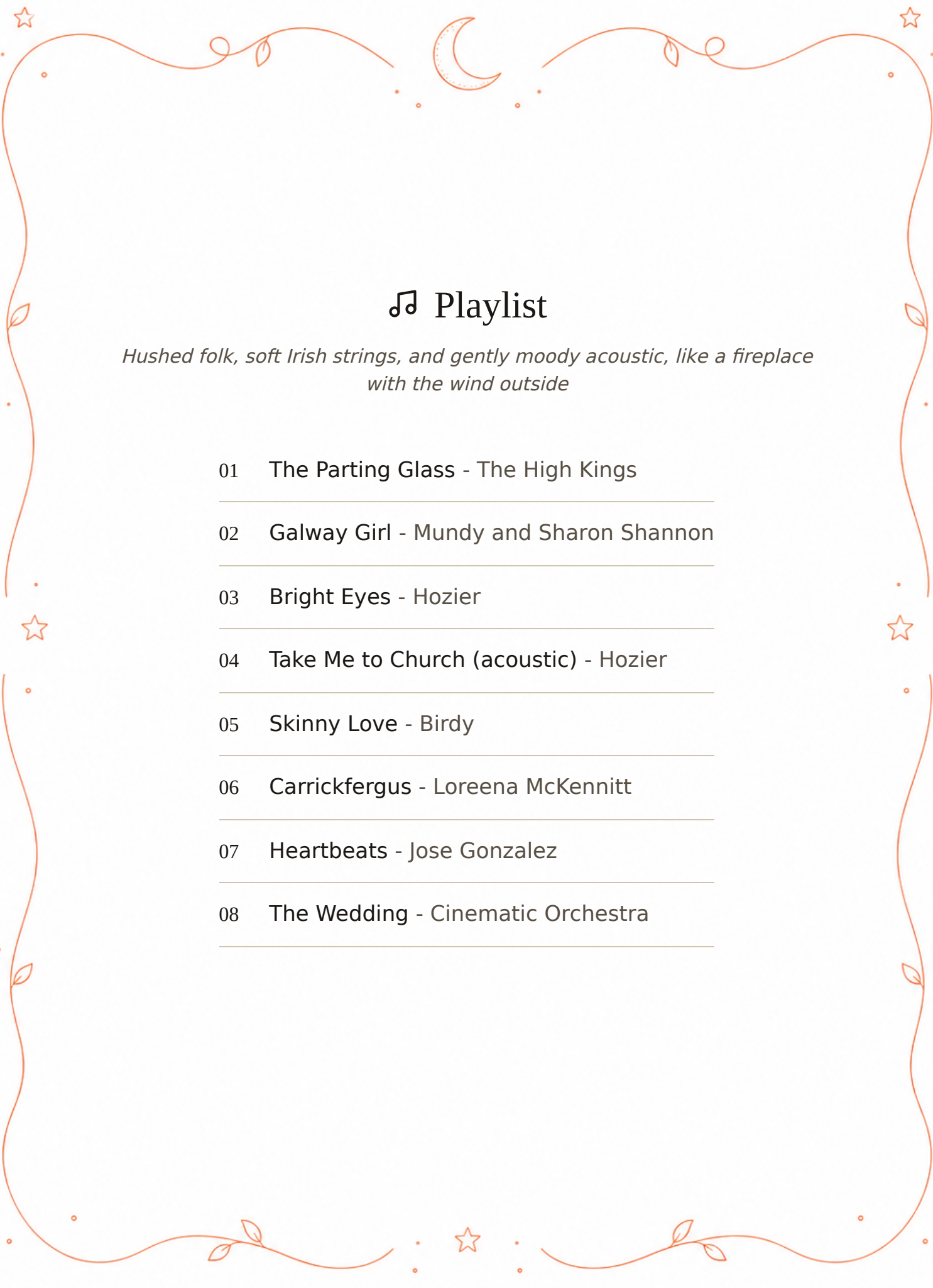
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Trivia and scorecards

Wind down with the trivia round and let people fill in scorecards before goodnights.

HOST TIPS

- Dim overheads and use lamps or candles to make the room feel like a snug cottage.
- Keep a basket of throw blankets near the seating, and put the food within easy reach so no one has to get up.
- If conversation lulls, share your own answer first to model that personal stories are welcome.



🎵 Playlist

*Hushed folk, soft Irish strings, and gently moody acoustic, like a fireplace
with the wind outside*

- 01 The Parting Glass - The High Kings

- 02 Galway Girl - Mundy and Sharon Shannon

- 03 Bright Eyes - Hozier

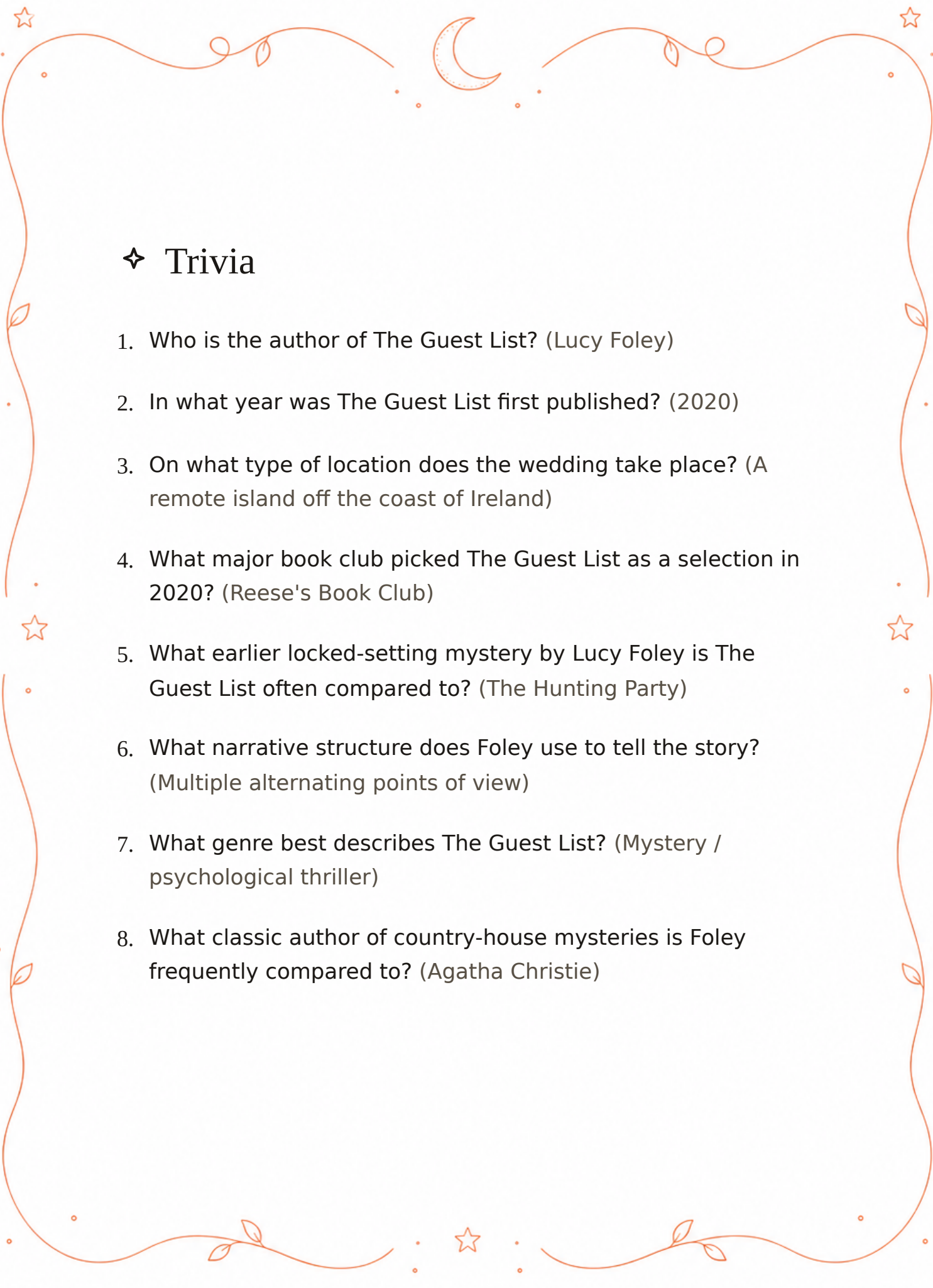
- 04 Take Me to Church (acoustic) - Hozier

- 05 Skinny Love - Birdy

- 06 Carrickfergus - Loreena McKennitt

- 07 Heartbeats - Jose Gonzalez

- 08 The Wedding - Cinematic Orchestra



✧ Trivia

1. Who is the author of The Guest List? (Lucy Foley)
2. In what year was The Guest List first published? (2020)
3. On what type of location does the wedding take place? (A remote island off the coast of Ireland)
4. What major book club picked The Guest List as a selection in 2020? (Reese's Book Club)
5. What earlier locked-setting mystery by Lucy Foley is The Guest List often compared to? (The Hunting Party)
6. What narrative structure does Foley use to tell the story? (Multiple alternating points of view)
7. What genre best describes The Guest List? (Mystery / psychological thriller)
8. What classic author of country-house mysteries is Foley frequently compared to? (Agatha Christie)

📖 Bookmarks

Print, cut, and tuck one at every seat, a small keepsake from the night.



☆ Rate the book

Coziness factor

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Atmosphere

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Characters you'd have tea with

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Page-turn pull

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Lingered with you

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

One word for how this book made me feel: _____

The character I'd invite over for soup: _____

A moment I want to reread on a rainy day: _____

THAT'S A WRAP

Thank you for coming

We hope the company was good and the conversation
even better. Until the next chapter.



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